# SPACE & EXERCISE

Animals exhibited in traveling shows must be housed in enclosures that meet or exceed the primary enclosure standards for their travel status, i.e. at a temporary location or in transit.

## At Temporary Location

Criteria

When stopped at a temporary location, the animals must be housed in enclosures that meet or exceed the applicable Primary Enclosure Space Requirement standards for permanent enclosures. [3.6, 3.28, 3.53, 3.80, 3.104, 3.128, Policy #6, Policy #24]

#### **Space**

### **Dogs & Cats**

If the dogs or cats live loose in the home with the owners, then the room(s) that the dogs/cats live in is the primary enclosure and must meet all primary enclosure standards.

#### **Other Animals**

Primary enclosures for other animals must have adequate space for each animal to express all species-typical:

- postures
- social adjustments
- behaviors
- movements
- grooming

Criteria for determining adequate space include, but are not limited to:

- all animals in the enclosure must be able to lie down with limbs extended in a normal manner without obstruction from enclosure sides or having to extend feet through bars or feeder doors [Policy #6]
- **animals** must have adequate freedom of movement which includes the ability to exercise.
  - NOTE: Primary enclosures which allow **only** postural adjustment do not meet this requirement (see Exercise on page 17.5.3) [Policy #6]
- animals that normally engage in occasional vertical postures, such as bears and many felines, must have

- sufficient vertical space available to accommodate these postures (see Exercise on page 17.5.3 for exemption) [Policy #6]
- elephants housed on chains must have chains of sufficient length and arrangement to be able to comfortably lie down, get up, self-groom, and move about within a reasonable distance [Policy #6]
- elephants housed unchained in a truck or railway car must have enough space to comfortably lie down, get up, self-groom, and move about within a reasonable distance [Policy #6]
- flying species must have sufficient unobstructed volume to enable movement by flying and sufficient roosting space to allow all animals to rest simultaneously [Policy #24]
- species that, under natural conditions, spend a significant portion of time in water, such as capybaras, beavers, river otters, hippopotami, and tapirs, must have both dry and aquatic portions of the primary enclosure. Each portion must provide, at a minimum, sufficient space for normal postural and social adjustments. [Policy #24]
- tethered hoofstock must have tethers of sufficient length and arrangement to be able to comfortably lie down, get up, self-groom, and move about within a reasonable distance [Policy #6]

#### **Exercise**

## Dogs

Dogs must be provided with the opportunity to exercise as required in Section 3.8 of the AWA standards.

The traveling exhibitor must have a written exercise plan approved by the attending veterinarian.

## Other Animals [Policy #6]

The opportunity to exercise must be provided for other animals whose on the road primary enclosures do **not** provide:

- adequate height for animals that occasionally exhibit vertical postures
- adequate space for sufficient freedom of movement

The opportunity to exercise includes, but is not limited to, the

17.5.2 ANIMAL CARE release of the animal(s):

- at least once a day for an appropriate length of time unless otherwise justified
- into a secure exercise pen, ring, or corral, OR
- into an area enclosed by an electric wire if monitored at all times, OR
- walked by a qualified handler, such as for trained elephants and domestic hoofstock

Periods of exercise must be **in addition to** regular performance and practice time.

#### In Transit

Criteria

While in transit, regulated animals must be housed in enclosures that meet the transportation requirements for that species. See the appropriate transportation standard in the AWA Regulations & Standards or *Transportation Section 13.10 - Primary Enclosure - Space* in this Inspection Guide for requirements.

An animal is considered "in transit" when it is moving in a conveyance from:

- the home facility to a temporary location
- a temporary location to another temporary location
- a temporary location to the home facility

Note: Stopping for short rest periods and food breaks for the drivers, handlers and other people accompanying the animal is still considered "in transit."

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